

HOUSE RESOLUTION 53

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate educator Jackie Wilber on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Wilber is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilber is taking her much-deserved retirement in May of this year, bringing to a close an illustrious three-decade career devoted to serving the youth of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as a mother of three, Jackie Wilber returned to school in 1988, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Tennessee State University in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilber's tenure as an educator began in 1990, when she accepted an interim position at Watt Hardison Elementary School, teaching the first grade; in 2002, she began teaching second grade

WHEREAS, in 2000, Jackie Wilber received a master's degree in library media from Western Kentucky University, accepting a librarian position at Watt Hardison Elementary in 2008; the following year, she moved to the new Portland Gateview Elementary School as librarian, from which position she will take her retirement; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Ms. Wilber taught summer enrichment school for fifteen years, wrote and received several grants for her library, served as secretary of the North Central

Literacy Association, and was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma professional educators society and the Tennessee Association of School Librarians; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being honored as Teacher of the Year in 2008, she was also named Spouse of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League in 2012; and

WHEREAS, she followed in her mother's footsteps, who was also an educator; in addition to teaching in the classroom and serving as a librarian, Ms. Wilber taught Tuesday and Thursday school at Portland Church of Christ from 1984 to 1988, and she has taught Sunday School at the church for the last forty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Wilber is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilber serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Wilber truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Jackie Wilber on the occasion of her retirement, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.